Period	Quantity in Million Metric Tonnes (MMT)
2002-03	108.7
2003-04	117.6
2004-05	122.7

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There is a 8% shortfall in the first two months of the current financial year *vis-a-vis* the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

The shortfall is due to planned shutdowns of various refineries *viz.* Mumbai Refinery of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Kochi Refineries Limited, Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Mangalore Refinery Petrochemicals Limited, Koyali Refinery and Haldia Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

Pilferage of gas from cylinders

907. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large scale pilferage of gas from gas cylinders at distributors level before the delivery of cylinders to customers;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received and the action taken thereon during each of the last three years;

(c) the number of such cases of pilferage *suo-moto* detected by oil companies during each of the last three years through their inspection mechanism, State-wise;

(d) whether any proposal to replace the present aluminium/plastic seals of gas cylinders with tamper proof seals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any large scale pilferage of LPG from cylinders at their distributors' premises before the delivery of cylinders to

customers. OMCs have reported 51 established cases of pilferage of LPG against their LPG distributors during last three years detected after investigation by them *suo-moto* as well as from the complaints received from the consumers. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) At present, OMCs are using heat shrinkable preformed Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) seals, developed and recommended by the LPG Equipment Research Centre (LERC), as a tamper evident sealing system for LPG cylinders with a view to supplying correct weight of LPG to the consumers. PVC seals are difficult to duplicate, shrink at high temperature and require special technical expertise to manufacture. There is no proposal to replace the PVC seals in use.

Statement

The details of cases on pilferage of LPG detected by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) against their distributors during last three years (2003-05)

States/UTs	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Andhra Pradesh	-	1	-
Delhi	6	3	5
Gujarat	-	-	3
Jammu & Kashmir	1	-	-
Maharashtra	1	1	1
Orissa	3	-	-
Punjab	1	-	2
Rajasthan	1	2	4
Uttar Pradesh	1	3	4
West Bengal	4	-	-
Chandigarh	2	1	1
TOTAL :	20	11	20

AP's request for share in gas reserves

908. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently ONGC has found significant gas reserves in well No. GS-159 in KG basin in Andhra Pradesh;